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DeKalb County Historical Society, Inc.
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Dear Historians of DeKalb County,

During the past year I have gained a great deal of knowledge about my ancestry and have determined that at least 14 on my father's side (all now dead, including Dad) lived in DeKalb County for varying periods of time from about 1850 until about 1908.

There are several reasons for my writing your society. One is to share with you an ancestry chart and some brief notes I've compiled regarding those of my ancestry who lived in DeKalb County; another is to solicit your help in expanding my knowledge of these ancestors. Specifically, I was thinking your society might have one or more members (or contacts) who are involved in genealogy research and who might be willing to do some hopefully light "digging" for me.....or at least advise me on how I might possibly get additional information from here in Kalamazoo. Altho I hope to visit DeKalb County eventually, current family commitments (two very small children) may delay that visit for some time.

My genealogy efforts to date have been: (1)Receipt of much family information from my aunt, Esther (Olds) Forst, of near Stroh, Ind. in LaGrange County....including quotes from a book on Spencerville by Dr. Willis Carey (written in 1952), (2)Compilation of all known ancestors, their families and other kinfolk censused in DeKalb County in 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880...based upon my review here in Kalamazoo of federal census microfilms, (3)Purchase and review of DeKalb County Atlas of 1880, and (4) Rental from The Bookmark, Knightstown, Ind. of "Cemetary Inscriptions-DeKalb County, Ind.-Volume I" written by Malinda E. E. Newhard in 1972.

Some of my more specific remaining interests at this time are:

(1)Any references to any of my DeKalb County ancestors in books, magazines or newspapers published in or near DeKalb County. Of particular interest would be obituary notices...except for those on Samuel and Caroline Olds which I already have.

(2) Knowledge of any pictures of any of my DeKalb County ancestors, their stores or residences, etc. (all that my Olds grandparents had, including her 1893 Auburn High School graduation picture, were destroyed by house fire in 1957.) I would hope there might be a picture, for sure, of Lewis D. Britton while a state legislator for two years, probably in the 1870's.

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(3) Would like to get vital statistics on my great-grandfather, John F. Kline, whom I believe died between 1895 and 1904 in or near DeKalb County and who is possibly buried in Auburn where his parents died and are assumed to be buried. Would like to know what his vocation was and if he had any offspring and descendents by his second marriage, to Florena Pipes, in 1889; Also would like to know when he married and divorced my great grandmother, Arminnie (Britton) Kline Franks.....both events which would have occurred in DeKalb County between 1870 and 1880.

(4)Vital statistics on ancestors James and Elizabeth McCague Sr., whom I suspect died in DeKalb County's Richland Township...he probably in the 1870's and she in the 1880's. Also Richland Township's Section 20 in the 1880 county atlas shows some land owned by John and James McCayne, which I suspect may have been a misspelling of McCague. I'd like to confirm that that was a misspelling, if possible; there were McCague's censused in Richland Township in 1880.

Thanks in advance for any assistance that you can give or line up for me.

Sincerely,

Dick Olds

Richard A. Olds

P.S. A self-addressed stamped envelope is enclosed for any response your society or a referral can give me to this letter, including some discussion of remuneration if there is someone in your area willing to help me. Thank you.

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Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. ____ on chart No. ____.

Chart No.

b. Date of Birth
p.b. Place of Birth
m. Date of Marriage
d. Date of Death
p.d Place of Death

1 Ruth b. 4/1/1896 d. 2/17/1901
George b. 8/9/1897
Esther b. 1/28/1900
Frank b. 7/7/1902 d. 9/25/1956
Herbert b. 3/16/1904 d. 4/1/1959
Charles b. 12/23/1909
Mary b. 5/17/1912 **

4 Samuel N. Olds (Father of No. 2)
b. 24 June 1818
p.b. Highgate, Vt.
m. 30 October 1844
d. 14 April 1899
p.d St. Joe, Ind.

2 Arthur B. Olds (Father of No. 1)
b. 20 August 1871
p.b. Spencerville, Indiana
m. 30 April 1895
d. 15 May 1955
p.d LaGrange, Ind.

5 Caroline Robinson (Mother of No. 2)
b. 1 Feb 1826
p.b. Swanton, Vt.
d. 27 Jan 1908
p.d. Bluffton, Ind.

8 Elias Olds (Father of No. 4)
b. 23 Feb 1778
p.b. Goshen, Mass.
m. 24 Nov 1808
d. 19 Jan 1869
p.d Vt.

9 Abigail Orcutt (Mother of No. 4)
b. 29 Mar 1789
p.b. Vt.
d. 8 Apr 1847
p.d Vt.

10 Paul V. Robinson (Father of No. 5)
b.
p.b. Vt.
m.
d.
p.d

11 Elizabeth Jennison (Mother of No. 5)
b. 25 July 1789
p.b. Mass
d. 12 Sept. 1876
p.d. Spencerville, Ind.

6 John F. Kline (Father of No. 3)
b. 1852 or 1853
p.b. DeKalb County, Ind.
m.
d.
p.d

3 Rose Wildred Kline (Mother of No. 1)
b. 29 Jan 1874
p.b. Richland Twp., DeKalb Cty., Ind.
d. 23 Mar. 1967
p.d. LaGrange, Ind.

7 Arminnie Britton (Mother of No. 3)
b. 2 Aug. 1854
p.b. DeKalb County, Ind.
d. 2 Dec 1945
p.d. Kendallville, Ind.
Divorced JFK; Married Marion Franks

12 Michael Kline (Father of No. 6)
b. 23 May 1822
p.b. Pa.
m.
d. 16 Jul 1904
p.d Auburn, Ind.

13 Anna M. Sommers (Mother of No. 6)
b.
p.b. Pa.
d. 15 Sept 1908
p.d. Auburn, Ind.

14 Lewis D. Britton (Father of No. 7)
b. 8 Oct 1820
p.b. Lancaster County, Pa.
m. 15 Jun 1843
d. 29 Oct 1889
p.d DeKalb County, Ind.

15 Martha McCague (Mother of No. 7)
b. 6 Dec 1822
p.b. Washington County, Pa.
d. 29 Nov 1904
p.d. Auburn, Ind.

16 Samuel Olds (Father of No. 8, Cont. on chart No.)
b. 29 Dec 1748
m. 11 Feb 1777
d. 8 Jul 1813

17 Persis Rice (Mother of No. 8, Cont. on chart No.)
b.
d.

18 Ebenezer Orcutt (Father of No. 9, Cont. on chart No.)
b.
m.
d.

19 Abigail Beal (Mother of No. 9, Cont. on chart No.)
b.
d.

20 (Father of No. 10, Cont. on chart No.)
b.
m.
d.

21 (Mother of No. 10, Cont. on chart No.)
b.
d.

22 (Father of No. 11, Cont. on chart No.)
b.
m.
d.

23 (Mother of No. 11, Cont. on chart No.)
b.
d.

24 John Kline (Father of No. 12, Cont. on chart No.)
b.
m.
d.

25 (Mother of No. 12, Cont. on chart No.)
b.
d.

26 John Sommers (Father of No. 13, Cont. on chart No.)
b.
m.
d.

27 Elizabeth (Mother of No. 13, Cont. on chart No.)
b.
d.

28 Amos Britton, Sr. (Father of No. 14, Cont. on chart No.)
b. 1896 or 1897 Pa.
m.
d.

29 (Mother of No. 14, Cont. on chart No.)
b.
d.

30 James McCague (Father of No. 15, Cont. on chart No.)
b. 1895 or 1896 Pa.
m.
d. Ind. (probably DeKalb County)

31 Elizabeth (Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No.)
b. 1894 or 1895 Pa.
d. Ind. (probably DeKalb County)

** Ruth thru Herbert were born in Auburn, Ind. prior to family's move to LaGrange, Ind. farm in 1905, where Charles & Mary were born

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DeKalb County "Roots" of Richard A. Olds
Compiled by RAO 12/77

1- Father Frank Britton Olds (Lived in DeKalb County from 1902 birth until 19
Born in parents home on N. Jackson St. in Auburn where he spent first three years of his life until his family moved in 1905 to a farm east of LaGrange, Ind. Farmed in that vicinity until his 1956 death, leaving widow (Gail) and two sons (Jim and myself); Buried in LaGrange.

Siblings: Ruth (1896-1901)
George (1897-);retired farmer,living in LaGrange and Fla
Esther (1900-);married Fred Forst 1937; retired teacher; lives near Stroh in LaGrange County.
Herbert(1904-1959); farmed east of LaGrange.
Charles(1909-); farms north of LaGrange
Mary (1912-); retired teacher living near Stroh.

2- Grandfather Arthur Brainerd Olds (Lived in DeKalb County from 1871 birth until 1905)
Youngest in family of ten children; Born in Spencerville in 1871 and lived there until finishing formal education in 1887 at age 16, then to Auburn where he worked at Zimmerman Buggy Factory before buying a variety there, on 7th St. north of courthouse. Married in 1895, became ill in 1905, sold his store and moved his family to his brother Will's farm east of LaGrange, Ind. where he regained his health, bought a neighboring farm and farmed until retirement. Died in 1955 and buried in LaGrange. No descendants in DeKalb County.

Siblings: George Henry (1846-1882);settled in Minnesota before his marriage in 1874; many descendants.
Mary (1846-1926);married John Dills of Concord Twp.; only living descendants are two granddaughters, Mrs. Wayne (Edith) Smith and Mrs. Frank (Kathlene) Daugherty,both living in Hicksville, Ohio and both daughters of Harriet (Dills) Hart who died in 1971.
Charles Newton (1851-1860),Sarah (born and died in 1853) and Harriet (born and died in 1855)
Morton Elias (1857-1927); first of S.N.Olds children born in Ind.;married Ada Coder of DeKalb County; only child, Arch (adopted) left no descendants.
Lena (1867-1927); married William McClaren; several living grandchildren living in Michigan.
William J. (1863-1947); married Bertha Coughansur; had no children.
Nelle (1868-1953); first in family to be born in DeKalb County; married John Bishop, also of Concord Twp.; only living descendant is 83 year old daughter Florence Bishop living in Flint, Mich.

3- Grandmother Rose Wildred (Kline) Olds (Lived in DeKalb County from 1874 birth until 1905.
Suspected born on Richland Township farm of her grandparents, the Lewis D. Britton's, who raised her after her parents divorced when she was very young. Moved with her grandmother Britton to Auburn after her grandfather Britton died in 1889. Graduated from Auburn High School in 1893, worked for awhile in DeKalb County Courthouse before marrying A.B.Olds in 1895. Died in LaGrange, Ind. in 1967; Has 54 living descendants

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4- Greatgrandfather Samuel N. Olds (Lived in DeKalb County from 1866 until death in 1899)

Born in Vermont in 1818, first came to Indiana (Allen County) in 1838 where he learned the hatter's trade in Ft. Wayne; returned to Vt. by 1844 to marry Caroline Robinson. Eleven years and five children later he returned with wife and family to Allen County where he lived alternately in Ft. Wayne and near Eel River until 1866 when he moved to Spencerville and bought a general store there previously owned by a Mr. Dawson. Aided in that operation first by son Mort, then son Will, he owned the store until 1883 when he retired and moved to St. Joe, where he lived until his death in 1899. Buried in St. Joe.

No living descendants in DeKalb County.

5- Greatgrandmother Caroline (Robinson) Olds (Lived in DeKalb County from 1866 until death in 1908)

Born in Vt. in 1826, married Samuel Olds in 1844 and bore him ten children, seven which reached adulthood; Spent much time in children's homes after husband's death in 1899; Buried in St. Joe.

6- Greatgrandfather John F.Kline (Lived in DeKalb County from birth in 1852 or 1853 until ?)

Referred to as Frank Kline by my late grandmother, was found in censuses as John F.; Based upon census revelations was born in 1852 or 1853 in Indiana, quite possibly on the Richland County farm where he was censused with parents and sisters in 1860 and 1870. His marriage to Arminnie Britton in early 1870's ended in early divorce, allegedly due in part to a drinking problem (JFK's). DeKalb County records in Health Office reveal he married again , to Florena Pipes, in 1889. Nothing else is known about him by living Oldses.

Siblings: Censuses suggest there were three sisters... Sophia, Mary and Etta; could be descendants from them or John F's second marriage in DeKalb County.

7- Greatgrandmother Arminnie (Britton) Kline Franks (Lived in DeKalb County from 1854 birth until probably 1883)

Born in 1854, quite possibly on the Richland Co. farm of her parents, the Lewis Britton's, had moved to in 1851 or 1852; Married briefly in the early 1870's to John F. Kline who grew up on a neighboring farm; they had only one child, Rose Wildred, in 1874, before they divorced. Arminnie married again, in 1883, to another childhood neighbor, Marion Franks, moved to a farm near Kendallville and had three children, Carl, John and Mae; Arminnie died in 1945.

Siblings: Elizabeth (ca.1845-1901; married Moses Willis)
Annette (1849-1892; married William Henry Riley)
Francis L. (ca.1852 to ? ;2nd marriage was to Mary Franks
Rose Ellen (ca.1857 to ? ; married Carl Husselman of Auburn)

10 & 11- Great Greatgrandparents Paul V. and Elizabeth (Jennison) Robinson (Elizabeth died in Spencerville in 1875 at daughter Caroline Olds';Paul may have died there also. Both are buried in Spencerville per one family writing.)

Both were born in New England and they were parents to Caroline Olds and to George P. Robinson who lived in LaGrange from 1850's until his death in 1911.

Ancestor chart Ref

12- Greatgreatgrandfater Michael Kline (Lived in DeKalb County from early 1850's until 1904 death)

Born in Pa. in 1822, Michael Kline is suspected to have lived in Ohio and married Anna Somers (or Sommers) there before moving to Richland Township farm in early 1850's; Censused there with family in 1860 and 1870, then in Auburn in 1880, where he was a carpenter. Died in Auburn in 1904 per DeKalb County Health Office.

13- Great great grandmother Anna (Somers) Kline (Lived in DeKalb County from early 1850's until 1908 death.)

Born in Pa. in the 1820's, married Michael Kline, probably in Ohio where oldest of three suspected daughters were born. Died in 1908 per DeKalb County Health Office.

14- Great great grandfather Lewis D. Britton*(Lived in DeKalb County from early 1850's until 1889 death)

Born in Pa. in 1820, moved with parents to Holmes County, Ohio by 1822 and then, following marriage to Martha McCague in 1843 and birth of two children, moved to Richland Township farm south of Corunna by 1852. Lewis was farmer, school teacher, Justice of Peace, state legislator (for two years) and for 16 years a Supt. of the Corunna United Brethern Church. Buried in cemetary south of Corunna.

15- Great great grandmother Martha (McCague) Britton*(Lived in DeKalb County until 1904 death.)

Born in Pa. in 1822; married Lewis Britton in Ohio in 1843 and moved with him and their children to Richland Township and living there until his death in 1889, at which time she moved to Auburn where she lived there on N. Jackson St. until her death in 1904. Buried with husband in cemetary south of Corunna.

30 and 31- Great great great grandparents James and Elizabeth McCague Sr. (lived in DeKalb County from before 1850 until quite possibly their deaths)

Found in Richland Township in 1850 census and again in 1860; Neither found in 1870 DeKalb County census, but widowed Elizabeth censused as living with a son, John, in Richland Township in 1880 at age 85.

*Many possible decendants in DeKalb County from children other than Arminnie; also decendands are possible from Lewis' brother, Amos Britton, Jr. who also settled in Richland Township.

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